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[By Mr. Turner of North Carolina.]

A RESOLUTION

Tendering negotiations for peace and a mitigation of the horrors of the war.

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate be, and he is hereby requested, to appoint thirteen commissioners, one from each of the Confederate States, to tender to the government of the United States, a conference for negotiating an honorable peace; and failing in this, the commissioners be instructed to use all proper efforts to obtain an immediate exchange of prisoners; and if possible, to come to such understanding with the enemy regarding the future conduct of the war as may tend, in some degree, to mitigate its horrors and atrocities.